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TAGS: OTRA, MARR, MASS, SP
SUBJECT: VISIT OF STAFFDEL ALLEN AND FAIRCHILD

REF: STATE 064746 (DTG 141534Z MAR 78)

1. IN THE COURSE OF THE BRIEFING PROVIDED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS TO MESSRS. ALLEN AND FAIRCHILD OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS STAFF ON MARCH 31, FAIRCHILD EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S REQUEST TO FRONT-LOAD IN FY-79 THE BALANCE OF THE GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR DEFENSE ARTICLES TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE TREATY (\$41 MILLION). HE SUGGESTED THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS HAD SCARCELY BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT THIS IN ADVANCE, AND THAT HE AT LEAST WAS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO RECOMMENDING THAT LESS THAN THE FULL AMOUNT BE MADE AVAILABLE. MR. ALLEN APPEARED SOMEWHAT LESS DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THIS ISSUE, BUT DID WEIGH IN ARGUING THAT THERE IS SENTIMENT ON THE HILL WHICH QUESTIONS WHETHER OR NOT THE U.S. IS GETTING FULL VALUE FROM THE TREATY.

2. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN FROM THE LENGTHY CONVERSATION ON THIS MATTER, IN WHICH EMBASSY OFFICERS SET FORTH IN SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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DETAIL THE RATIONALE BEHIND THIS REQUEST, WHETHER MR. FAIRCHILD WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON PERSUADED OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S CASE.

3. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND FOLLOW-UP IN WASHINGTON.
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